

# **KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

## **STAFF NOTE**

### **Review Item:**

Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) budget priorities and preparation of the 2009-2010 biennial budget request (Increased funding estimates for the 2009-2010 biennium under separate cover)

### **Applicable Statute(s) or Regulation(s):**

KRS 156.070(5)  
KRS Chapter 48

### **History/Background:**

***Existing Policy.*** Pursuant to KRS 48.050, the head of each executive budgetary unit shall submit its biennial budget request to the Finance and Administration Cabinet no later than November 15<sup>th</sup> of each odd numbered year. The KBE considers its budgetary priorities and makes determinations on priorities to direct staff to prepare the biennial budget request on behalf of the Department for submission to the Finance and Administration Cabinet and subsequent submission to the Governor.

Significant steps in the budget process include:

1. Development and approval of the budget calendar
2. Development and approval by the Governor's Office of Policy and Management (GPM) of the program structure
3. Preparation of the FY 2009-2010 budget request
4. Submission of the FY 2009-2010 budget request to the Legislative Research Commission (LRC) and GPM on or before the date designated

Attached for your review is a summary of the FY 2007-2008 biennial budget request presentation utilized to advocate for funding. In the last biennial budget, the General Assembly provided increased funding in the following notable areas:

1. SEEK (increase in salaries and for limited English proficiency)
2. Funding for 2 additional instructional days
3. Preschool
4. Read to Achieve and Math Achievement Funds
5. Technology (Kentucky Education Network and computer upgrades for school districts)

The KBE and KDE were additionally successful in obtaining capital funding to commence work on the Student Information System, but were not successful in our advocacy for funding for On-line Assessment, the Knowledge Management Portal, or much needed facility renovations at the Kentucky School for the Deaf and Kentucky School for the Blind. The On-

line Assessment and Knowledge Management Portal projects were, however, most recently included in the Governor's call for the 2007 Special Session.

Based on the KBE's discussion at the July 11, 2007 Board meeting, staff is in the process of preparing increased funding estimates for the Board's consideration in various program areas for the 2009-2010 biennium. This information will be provided to the Board under separate cover from the August Agenda Book.

**Policy Issues:**

What are the Kentucky Board of Education's budgetary priorities for the 2009-2010 biennial budget?

**Impact on Getting to Proficiency:**

The biennial budget request is essential to the pursuit of appropriate funding levels for the Department of Education. Appropriate funding levels will impact the Department's ability to pursue strategic priorities in furtherance of each child reaching proficiency by 2014.

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